

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re U.S. Patent Application of)
KIKAWA et al.)
Application Number: To be Assigned)
Filed: Concurrently Herewith)
For: LASER DIODE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD)
THEREOF)
ATTORNEY DOCKET No. NITT.0186)**

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in order to eliminate the multiple dependent claims in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: